

# Clean Water Program Project Guidelines STREAMBANK EROSION CONTROL

**GRANT RATE:** 50% to a maximum of \$5,000

## **ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:**

- Streambank erosion projects along the South Nation River and its tributaries will be considered; priority will be give
  to projects that demonstrate the greatest potential for water quality improvement.
- All erosion protection projects must establish a minimum of a 3 meter buffer setback from top of stream bank.
   Establishment of riparian vegetation such grasses, trees and shrubs should follow the recommendations of forestry and/or technical staff to ensure soil stabilization is maximized.
- Eligible stabilization techniques include ditch bank seeding, spillway drop structures, culvert protection, bioengineering techniques, and others. Natural methods of shoreline protection are encouraged whenever possible.
- Approved stream crossing for equipment is eligible.
- Design by professional engineers may be advisable on complex and/or large projects.
- Municipal Drainage Superintendents must agree to work completed along a municipal drain.
- Cropland (in field) erosion prevention techniques are not eligible for funding through the Clean Water Program.
- Cattle access and vehicle traffic must be restricted from the project area after completion of the project.
- All future maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner.
- Applicants are responsible for obtaining all required permits and/or approvals prior to initiating construction.
   South Nation Conservation will require a permit for streambank erosion control projects, apply <u>prior</u> to initiating project.

### **ELIGIBLE COSTS:**

- Permits
- Materials
- Contract labour and Engineering services
- Equipment rental

# **INELIGIBLE COSTS:**

- Labour or machinery use of applicant, family dependents or applicant's business
- Erosion projects along the St. Lawrence River
- Taxes

### **APPROVAL PROCESS:**

Contact South Nation Conservation (SNC) to complete an application. The Clean Water Committee will review the projects and will give priority to those with the most water quality benefit. Landowners may apply for only one project, per project type, per year. Limited funds are available.

Approved applicants will have approximately 12 months from the approval date to complete their projects. Approved projects will be pre-paid by the landowner. Funding will be provided when the project is completed, inspected to the satisfaction of SNC, and when copies of <u>all</u> invoices with acceptable proof of payment, permits, and any other required paperwork are provided. Invoices must provide detailed breakdown of labour hours, quantities of materials purchased and associated costs.

Refer to Clean Water Program Applicant's Guide for more information on the Application Process.

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